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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 362
By Goins

A RESOLUTION to honor Leanne Welch, 1997 valedictorian of
Claiborne County High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Leanne Welch is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as valedictorian of the 1997 graduating class at Claiborne County High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Leanne has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, she has earned an exceptional grade point average; and

WHEREAS, she has been an active member of the Marching and Concert Band, the National Honor Society, the National Beta Club, the Key Club, the 4-Honor Club, the Future Homemakers of America, the Junior Classical League, the Health Occupations Students of America, the Pep Club, Students Against Drunk Driving, the Student Council, the Tri-State Youth Fair, the Governor's Study Partners Tutoring Program, and the Latin Club. She has also served admirably as a cheerleader, 4-H teen leader, 4-H camp counselor, and a class officer; and

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WHEREAS, Leanne's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, she is a devout Christian and evinces her strong faith as an active member of her church and is very active in her youth group; and

WHEREAS, her numerous awards and honors include: the Daughters of the American Revolution Award, the Vol State Award, the High Achievement Award, being on the National Honor Roll, the National English Merit Award, the United States Cheerleader Achievement Award, the United States National Leadership Merit Award, the Perfect Attendance Award, the Teen Leader Award, the Citizenship Award, the Leadership Award, and being the Three Star winner in the Future Homemakers of America Creed Event. She has been listed in the prestigious *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, several times; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievements are a great source of pride for her parents, Floyd and Grethe Welch, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Leanne's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1997 Claiborne County High School valedictorian Leanne Welch, on her very impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

